



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of: **NISHIUCHI, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1763

Serial No.: 10/615,381

Examiner: **Richard BUEKER**

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For. **SURFACE TREATING PROCESS, SURFACE TREATING APPARATUS,  
VAPOR-DEPOSITING MATERIAL, AND RARE EARTH METAL-BASED  
PERMANENT MAGNET WITH SURFACE TREATED**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Date: October 11, 2006

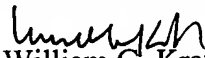
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2006 for one month, from September 15, 2006, to October 15, 2006.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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